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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BURKE ET AL.

Examiner

Jean A Gelin

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it contains legal phraseology often used in patent claims such as "disclosed" (see abstract, line 2. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).
2. The disclosure (paragraph 23) is objected to because it contains an embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. Applicant is required to delete the embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. See MPEP § 608.01.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Valimaa et al. (Valimaa, US Pat. No. 5,926,769) in view of Reding et al. (US Pat. No. 5,812,657)

Regarding claims 1-3, Valimaa teaches a wireless communication device (fig. 1) comprising: a keypad (22) having buttons, wherein the buttons have alphabetical characters mapped to corresponding numeric characters (col. 3, lines 8-20); a memory configured to store a string of alphanumeric characters representing a telephone number (col. 3, lines 21-32, lines 51-67). Valimaa further teaches entering numeric and

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non-numeric characters (corresponding to alphanumeric) to store or dial a telephone number (col. 6, lines 25-35).

Valimaa does not specifically teach an alphanumeric converter to translate the string of alphanumeric characters into corresponding numeric characters.

However, converting alphanumeric string to numeric is very well known in the art of communications, as evidenced by Reding. Reding teaches a method that permits the entry of a combination of alphabetic and numeric characters, e.g., alphanumeric string, and converts it into a telephone number to a complete call (col. 2, lines 3-10, lines 33-43). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to use the converting technique of a combination of alphabetic and numeric data into numeric data taught by Reding within the system of Valimaa in order to eliminate the burden on a user to convert alphabetic information into numeric information, and reduce the amount of time required to service a call involving alphabetic characters (col. 2, lines 52-60).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Lipp et al.	US 5,561,702 A	10/01/1996
Hayes, Jr.	US 5,894,594 A	04/13/1999
Dayani	US 5,517,682 A	05/14/1996
James	US 4,650,927 A	03/17/1987

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean A Gelin whose telephone number is (703) 305-4847. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on (703) 306-0003. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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